

Top of the Hill

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MBA Menagerie at Mentone

Once again the seventh grade class bonded at Camp Laney in mid-September. Though the trip each year is comprised of similar events, team building activities, low ropes, high ropes, boat construction, free time activities, and competitions, the personality of the class makes each trip unique. Some highlights from this year's spirited seventh graders include:

"Reuben Green about to break Stephen Dolan's ankles when Steven jumped out of his bunk and sprayed



Camp Laney - A "Special" Place

Right Guard deodorant spray everywhere in the cabin"—Tipper Austin "waking up to find my shampoo frozen"—Chase Altenbern

"Hunter's losing his 'family life' on the metal wire, when I hit Mrs. Bourland in the head in Bombardment, when Weston told us he ate a guinea pig"—Matthew Kimball

"Mr. Underwood's using students as a

shield during bombardment, Coach Nichol's mad scientist glasses, Reuben's dressing in his

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Annie Hits the Bullseye

By James Schuller

Little can be said about MBA's and Harpeth Hall's recent production of *Annie Get Your Gun* except that it is the best production I have seen in a long, long time. What can I say? The acting was excellent, and the musical numbers, such as "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "Anything You Can Do," were Broadway-class. The cast was phenomenal. Audrey Ball as Annie Oakley and Hunter Mobley as Frank Butler displayed remarkable singing and

acting abilities.

The musical, written by Irving Berlin, is the story of rural sharpshooter Annie Oakley's rise to meteoric fame with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a



touring act that highlighted Frank Butler, an arguably equal marksman. The story begins with Annie's entrance in a

contest claiming to be the best sharpshooter; she challenges Frank, whom she narrowly beats. Buffalo Bill is so impressed that he hires Annie as Frank's assistant. Her skill is so great that she entices Chief Sitting Bull to join the show and tour Europe. In the process, she falls in love with and marries Frank Butler.

The musical is filled with humorous sub-plots that parallel the main story, such as the romance between half-Indian Tommy Keeler, played by Richard Howell, and Winnie Tate, played by Liz Warner. The witty dialogue and the precision acting made this play a must-see. I strongly encourage everyone to see an MBA play or musical because they are truly delightful.

Camp Laney

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pajamas for dinner, Mr. Cooper face planting into a tree on the zipline"—Hunter Rogers

"playing flashlight tag in our cabin after lights out"—Martin Thompson
 "when Ben Daniel stepped into the *Titantic II* and the boat, surprisingly, stayed afloat, the great taste of the strawberry shortcake, exciting games of frisbee golf when a gust of wind denied our birdie, the frightful wolf spider wandering in the shower house"—Zach Juskiewicz

"when I ran up to Mr. Popovich, who was already out, and hit him in the face as hard as I could, and Mr. Pop ran and caught me and held me upside down, when everybody heard Sam, Nick, and I singing in the middle of the night"—Mike Herron

"sitting on top of the zipline platform gazing into the deep dark hole I was going to jump into, our cabin's laughing at Ben Daniel's jokes as we cuddled up in our warm sleeping bags, Mr. Russell's talking about how we 7th graders will have harder problems to overcome in the future, as did the seniors when Matt Hill was killed"—Guy McClure

"Charlie Plageman's incessant comments as everyone in cabin 2 was trying to sleep, crossing the catwalk, blindfolded, in the rain, waking at 2:00 A.M. Monday morning to the sound of pouring rain, the continuous flashing of lightning, the booms of thunder, and some kind of pellet-like object smacking against the roof of the cabin"—Kyle Davis

"when Adam Baker shoved a worm in Travis Brannon's helmet for good luck, and when Travis came back down, the worm started to pop its head



Save me, Morgan! Save me!

out, forced showers with no hot water after the high ropes course, Ben Daniel's motto for our cabin, 'Whatever is said in this cabin, stays in this cabin.'"—Jack Hudson



A victory for the U.S.S. Hopeless

"playing bombardment and running into the padded pole, playing Egyptian kickball and everyone's running at the wrong base, delicious french fries and good rolls, the wind's blowing orange bits of fire at us during campfire"—Harlan Dodson

"when A.L., the Adventure Guild counselor, flew up in the air after Reuben

jumped off the swinging vines. I had to hold A.L. down so she could belay him, when William Emfinger explained to the whole cabin that you could change

mass to energy, how the biscuits and gravy tasted like poofy milk, making the boats and the noise of everyone's screaming to make their ideas heard"—Nicholas Caroland

"bouncing knuckle balls off the table, seeing Matthew Kimball score the winning shot, hearing William Herbert snore like a whistle"—Jeff Eberle

"the shaking, intimidating leap of faith from the Pamper Pole, U.S.S. card-

board box failures; all the captains, except those from *USS Hopeless* went down with their ships."—Nicky Spiva

"the screaming and pounding on the wall in anticipation of Mr.

Thurmond's pulling his hand down to start a game of bombardment (As his hand went down, everybody charged toward the middle to the dozen yellow balls)"—Jamie Fletcher

"the roar of students at the sight of Reuben Green's soaring through the air on the Kamikaze"—Todd Miller

"listening to Gena's teeth chatter like the sound of a hummingbird's wings in the cold morning, watching Stephen Dolan fly through the air like a rocket ship on the zipline while a tree limb comes down like a bomb beside him"—Everette Barbee

"waking up in the middle of the night, freezing, listening to Mr. Thurmond's snore drowning out the noise from the rain, watching flames from the campfire engulf Nicholas Drinkwater"—Travis Brannon

Sports

The Return of the King (... not Elvis)

By Harold Simmons

Since about November of 2000, the world has heard rumors about Michael Jordan's returning to the NBA. While some were skeptical, others believed the rumor to be true. Fans celebrated on September 25, 2001, the day that Jordan officially announced his return to the NBA. He released his official statement to the press in Washington D.C. that he would resume his career as a player for the Washington Wizards and pass on his ownership of the team to Lincoln Holdings. The questions we may think of when we refer to his return may be negative. The world continues to think about how good Michael Jordan will actually be. He has tendinitis in his knees, and he has not played professional basketball since 1998. Will his help to the Wizards be significant? Well, this is Michael Jordan we're talking about! In the past, when has he ever been a failure? It is

up to you to decide whether Michael Jordan has met the standards before



retiring in 1998. What do I think? Of course, Michael Jordan may not win the championship along with the Wizards,

and he may not play as well as he did in 1998. He may not even pose much of a challenge to recent NBA stars such as Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter, or Allen Iverson; however, I believe that Michael Jordan was, still is, and will be the King...



MBA Rifle Classic 2001

A Sizzler on a Soggy Day

by Pete Burgess

In the wee dawn hours of your usual Saturday morning siesta, your MBA rifle team is either on another exciting expedition to exotic schools all over the Southeast or is hosting the largest high-school rifle tournament in the country. On a certain Friday "off," your MBA rifle team was at school before 8:30 a.m. building a precision air rifle range in the Currey gym. Some practice and competition went on later in the day, but the real heat was on the next day.

Now, this is not "riflery" as your mothers think of it. Sorry, but firing at walls, ceiling light fixtures, ninth graders, and/or opposing team members with annoying haircuts is not in the playbook. We shoot tiny pellets out of quiet precision air rifles. This sport is certainly not the most exciting sport to watch, but it is one of the only Olympic sports offered at MBA. Picture yourself on one knee with a twelve-pound rifle in your hands, holding your breath, and trying to hit a tiny dot in a target no bigger than a door knob from across the gym. This is not for the weak-minded or the weak-kneed.

During the three-day weekend, more than 350 individuals from 53 schools in nine states competed. Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina,

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Sports

A Concerned Fan

By Eric Hagemeyer

Do not take this the wrong way, I love Titans football. I have only missed three games altogether, whether experiencing them on radio or television. My father's company bought several PSLs in 1998 because of the simple fact that we love football, especially Titans style. I go to almost every game. By now the reader is wondering what lament is involved in my title. Well, first I must give you a few images. Remember, if you will, the look on Steve McNair's face after the 'Music City Miracle,' and the picture of Kevin Dyson reaching in vain for a mere three feet. Recall the memory of Al Del Greco's amazing fifth field goal against Philadelphia, and the image of the loathsome Baltimore Ravens celebrating on our once pristine field. I shall prove a point with these recollections that the Titans are no doubt a great team, but they have, until recently, certain unknown weaknesses that can ruin any fan's day.

I credit many of these ideas to my father who is my co-analyst on Sundays. Over several years of watching Titans/Oilers football, whether at Memphis (who owes us a season of basketball for the football we gave them), Vanderbilt, or Adelphia, I have gathered that some things will never change. One of these is the Titans' lack of interest on offense. This utter inability to execute an offensive maneuver is the product of several different players. Steve McNair, in my opinion, is no more than

a play-calling running back who has Frank Wycheck to make his passes look half-decent. In spite of Wycheck's talent, when McNair looks bad in the air, he really looks bad. A lot of his passing is just "luck in the sky" that sometimes has an underrated Derrick Mason or Chris Sanders underneath it (or should I say, at the end of it – I cheer when his passes arch). Notice that I did not mention Kevin Dyson under the circumstance that he needs to keep his hands still to hang on to some balls. Now, Eddie George (imagine that I am sighing sarcastically right now) is, and please take note of this, NOT BEING USED FOR WHAT HE IS DE-



SIGNED FOR. I am sure that every Titans fan is quite disappointed with his pre-determined use in the game. It seems like on every first down, regardless of the situation, the play of choice is (and this is really what the Titans call it) "Eddie up the middle." Oh come on, guys. Just go ahead and tell the entire league that this is going to be your first play. I really think they need to give it up and go back to the drawing board, which is probably pretty dusty by now. What really works, as my co-analysts (a.k.a. my dad and uncle) and I have noticed, is screen passes, laterals out in the flat, and toss plays; really anything that gives him momentum, because Eddie George is essentially a power back who needs a kick-start. If you combine all of these lapses of judg-

ment on the part of our coaching staff, the end result is our willingness, and maybe even *desire*, to kick field goals. Special teams are a wonderful strength of the Titans, but examine this very closely. While our return game is solid, think of the circumstances for using punters and kickers, and this strategy is called "last resort"; however, to the Titans, the kicking game is sometimes just another tool in their playbook. I have bemoaned this waste of offensive talent, much to the scrutiny of naïve fans who think that everything will turn out okay if left alone.

A good defense is to the Titans as honey is to Winnie the Pooh. You cannot live without it, but sometimes you have to fight some bees for it. This defense has been a necessity to the certainty of our victories. We have acquired Kevin Carter, Randall Godfrey, and DeRon Jenkins just to help us out. Notice that offensive players like Carl Pickens only lasted a little while, and then folded. Our defensive players are some of the best known in the NFL, and for good reason. The Titans' front office caters to defensive players, as it is our bread and butter. Now what I am about to say might anger a few people. Do not shoot the messenger; I bring you the truth. I believe that the Titans' love for defense may be starting to come out as an obsession – an unhealthy greed for superstars like Kevin Carter. If this is the case, then we need to turn our focus to improving players, not just cycling them through like we have no real care for their ability to better themselves. Normally I would give my final opinion here, but surprisingly I have none. All I want to say is for the fans to heed my words, give it some thought, and maybe even voice their own opinions. Sooner or later, things have to change if Jeff Fisher wants a Super Bowl ring.

Sports

Microbe Cross-Country 2001

By Kevin Seitz

This year the Microbe Cross-Country team had the most promising season in the last three years and what seemed to be a probable HVAC victory as well.

Before the HVAC finals, the only loss the team suffered was a loss to the once-powerhouse, BA. Fortunately for our team, BA lost its second best runner, and the Eagles found themselves near the back of the rankings. Otherwise, the team had very few close calls, winning each meet by a convincing margin. While this year we lacked someone like Eastman Landry (one of the best runners in MBA's history) who would finish first in every race for us, our team had a tremendous amount of depth. A total of eleven runners broke the ten-minute barrier on the mile-and-a-half course by the end of the year. The astounding

group of athletes was led by Michael Pierce, who consistently finished in the top four overall at every meet, with his

best time at 8:49. Behind him, followed a close pack consisting of David Reynolds, Nicholas Marzialo, Andrew Wisner, Eric Beiter, Justin Hall, and Jordan Dockery. With their amazing leadership, the goal of receiving a first-place trophy seemed within reach by the final meet. With one week left, Kevin Seitz suffered from shin splints, which placed him on the bench, unable to run in the final meet. Undiscouraged, the team pushed onward, winning yet another meet at the famous Vaughn's Creek course, so dearly loved by all who have ever run at BGA's terrible course. Twenty seconds after the gun went off

in the mid-thirties, and those in the mid-thirties were even farther behind. At the mile mark, Michael Pierce was forced to drop out due to a painful injury. Jordan Dockery lost his shoe shortly after



Oh no, it's a giant spider on the BMS runner's back!



Hey Michael, your shoe's untied.

at the HVAC championships, it was evident the team was in trouble. Those who usually finished in the top twenty were

the mile, and Eric Beiter complained of having trouble breathing, so he had to stop before resuming the race five valuable seconds later. In the end, the team finished a disappointing third place, not for lack of spirit, hard work, or determination, but simply because of bad luck. Despite all the set-backs the squad experienced, the meet still would have been close, had everything gone well. In the words of wise Coach Gaither: "The other teams were just too good this year to defeat without good luck to join good runners."

Next year's cross-country posse looks bright because seventh graders, such as Tyler Yarbrough, Stockton Beveridge, and Patrick Quinn, ran strong races. With the help of our friend Flexall, this year brought the entire team together in the unique bond held only by fellow runners and those who strive to push themselves to their physical limit.

Sports

Look at 'Em Go!

By Eric Hagemeyer
Research by Pierce Weber

And go they did. Over the years, eighth grade football tended not to disappoint. In fact, most would have to employ some clever searching aids to find blemishes in the MBA athletic community. I digress. I watched what appeared to be this very same team last year, so I have tried to grasp how a once 3 and 3 team can go at it again the next year with a perfect* record of 7 and 1. The answer was a relatively easy one to find. Our backfield was exponentially good, and by exponentially I mean that if McGavock

Johnson was that good last year, think what another year can do. When you add a beastly Luke Brown, well... think about it, but not too long or he will run over you. Seventh graders were a surprisingly large part of our offense, with cannon-armed QB David Howe and Ben Daniel, a "gimongous" fullback (Coach Nichol's term) who never failed to bore holes in opposing defenses. The receiving corps of Mitchell Williams, Nick Power, and Nick Anand blazed the sidelines with their athletic abilities. Let us now "get down to business."

Optional practices were littered through the summer until early August when the team really got down to work. We played two scrimmages, one against

Springfield and one against Freedom Intermediate to get us "hyped up" for the season. The first real game was played before school started, against an unchallenging St. Edwards team. The defense had a huge game and the offense as well, of course, in a 44 to 6 whipping. We then traveled across Nashville to take on the Warriors of Woodland as our defensive prowess delivered the gift of a win, 22 to 0.

A few signs can indicate the proximity of an MBA-Ensworth game: the scattering of birds, the sky's turning bright red, its being in the announcements. Well, it was obviously no big deal to the boys, since we shut down the "Tiggers" 22-0. Our

road trip ended with a 22-8 victory over DCA.

To let you know, most of the touchdowns in these games were scored by Luke, or "Thunder," who had at

least 15 on the season, and McGavock, or "Lightning," who had about 5. Ben, Mitchell, and Nick Power scored some of the other touchdowns. Mitchell had an especially great game against the Brentwood Middle Vikings, in which his 30-yard touchdown reception with under two minutes left brought the Red ahead to make the score 21 to 14. A bad pass fell into the waiting hands of Nick Power to seal the game. We went on the road again, this time to BGA in a somewhat similar game to the rest with a 33-8 win. Then, the unthinkable occurred. Brentwood Academy has been known for its policy of "spell 'cat' and run a four-minute mile," so I suppose this was inevitable. Yes, we fell to the Eagles 20 to 9, but it did not seem to phase us. The Big Red Bowl was of equal priority.

Some are speculating as to why we played Dickson County in the 'Bowl; I mean, Luke is a "Dicksonian," but, hey, we love a good win. The Dragons had probably one of the best receivers I have ever seen in middle school football, but our own offensive fire seemed to overtake theirs. Luke and Ben rumbled for a plethora of yards, and Power had another amazing interception, leading to a great 27-22 WIN in the Big Red Bowl. Take that, freshmen.

*technically imperfect

Check out these nicknames!

Scott "Sorry I'm fifteen minutes early, coach" Hearon
McGavock "My own guys are tackling me" Johnson
Josh "Daily Update" Dunn
Rascoe "I love Joe Davis" Dean
Will "I know too much about football for my own good" Fitzgerald
Daniel "I love the box" Hightower
Chase "Don't shank me" Cato
"Boooo" High
Clayton "When's Lacrosse" Lainhart
Ben "I'm a better kicker than Al Del Greco" Daniel
Nathan "4.0 in the 10 meters" Steakley
Eric "Darth" Bader
Erik "the swan" Swanson
Elliot "I can fly with my ears" Nelson
Regen "Junkyard" Jewett
Buck "BUCK!" Curley
Bill "Class of 2001" Nichol
Robin "I'm gonna kill 'em" Henderson
Damon "Doggit" Regen
Brian "Shut up Elliot" Popovich
Joe "BANG!!!" Davis
and finally,
Tommy "I played for three days" Corts



No soup for Buck

Sports

Summer League Lacrosse

By Terrell McWhirter

Starting in the middle and ending at the end of the summer, Summer League lacrosse is a great way to spend your vacation. For all ages and sizes, beginners and veterans, everyone can play, even old people like Mr. Cooper. Lasting for three months, the league consists of eight games, and there isn't any practice. There are playoffs to see who has the best team. There is even an all-star game for the best players.

This year the Summer League consisted of about eighty people who came out and played. These people ranged from seventh graders, including

Mickey Herron, Rob Phipps, and Nick Caroland, to eighth graders, including Justin Hall, Clayton Lainhart, and James Banker. I asked these people how they liked summer league, and they all said that they had a great time. There were four teams, the Yellow team, the Orange team, the Maroon team, and the Blue team, with twenty-five players and three coaches on each team. This year the Blue team went all the way and won the championship against Yellow. Orange came in third; Maroon followed by coming in dead last. Many of the beginners played on the all-star team. Summer League is great because if you just want to try lacrosse, you can do that and not spend a dime on equipment. MBA lends it to the Summer League players.

Now you may be thinking, "Why should I play summer league lacrosse?" To you I say, "I have made some great friends during Summer League, and I hope to make more during next year's Summer League. Summer

League is my favorite time of the year, and that may not be the same for you, but I do know you will have fun. Just ask anyone who played. During Summer League, everyone gets to play in the game. So, if you are looking for a good time, or if you're just bored and you want something to do, play Summer League lacrosse."

MBA's microbe soccer teams are off to a promising start this year with the A team's beating a good Ensworth team, and the B team's losing a closely played game to the BGA A team. The A team usually plays every Tuesday and Thursday, and the B team games will be announced.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR BIG RED SOCCER TEAMS!

Un Football d'une Microbia

(7th Grade Football)

By William Emfinger

Football, like any other sport, is played for fun. The athletes on the seventh grade team played for a different reason: they played to win. Undoubtedly, they had fun while competing, but they tried their hardest to win. Even though they did not win every game, they made a valiant effort. Among most of the instances that are well remembered about the season are Hunter

Rogers' scoring three touchdowns in one game against Brentwood Middle, and, during the last game with five seconds left, Nicholas Caroland's injuring his leg while on the one-yard line. The team experienced an up-and-down defense. For example, they jumped offsides during a scrimmage with another local team. When the team lost, they seemed depressed, but when they won, the excitement lasted throughout the next day. Even when a loss seemed probable,



The "Scoring Machine" of Hunter and Charlie temporarily wreak havoc on BA.

hope was not gone, and while the team did not always win, they tried very hard. Occasionally, the team did not agree with the referees' decisions, but the team had

no control over the rulings. Overall, the seventh grade football team had a competitive season. They were appreciative of Mr. Simpson's, Mr. Jenkins's, Mr. Bernatavitz's, and Mr. Herring's excellent coaching abilities because

they led the team to victory. The Microbes and their coaches should be commended for their skill and effort.

Features

Glazed...? Chocolate...? Sprinkles...?

By Will Camarata

For those of you do not know, I, Will Camarata (also known as Little Tony) work at the Doughnut Den with my brother Tony.

What I do at the Doughnut Den is pretty basic. In the back I paste, fill, glaze, sprinkle, and whatever you else you can think of to do to doughnuts. I also make orders for different places and people like Exxon and CKS. Churches often hold the largest orders. Now I know and you know (God too) that many people at your churches do not need doughnuts. Cut back, and you will make my life easier on Sunday mornings as well as free up some pew space. Before you can pick up the orders, I have to make the doughnuts. I do not cook doughnuts or pastries. I only create special doughnuts like the following: powdered, chocolate, maple, sprinkled, and cinnamon. To make chocolate, sprinkled, or maple, I simply toss the doughnut into a plastic vat with the coating. For powdered, I just roll the doughnut in the powdered sugar until it is coated. Sounds boring, huh, well it is. In the back we have supplies such as jelly, cups, napkins, ICEE mix, flavorings, and much more. I do not tell you more about the back with good cause.

The one part of this job that is bad is the hours, because I now have to get up at 5:15 to get there by 5:30. At 5:30, I start making orders and

traying doughnuts to put in the showcase. After I'm done with that, I go out and prepare to meet the onslaught of customers. Now of course, I have to work the cash register, but that is easy since it does taxes and everything else for me. The cash register is fun, because most of the time, people pay and get out, and then even better, really nice people come along and tip me. But, then there are

doughnut." The last type of customer is the one you know, such as John Rocco, who stops in about every Sunday to buy doughnuts and talk with me.

The best part of the job, though, definitely has to be the paycheck. This is what it all comes down to, the \$30 every single Friday, which I have grown to love. Then I also get the benefits of free food such as

doughnuts, bagels, coffee, ICEEs, cokes, and shakes. I do not abuse this benefit, since that is a moral code of conduct. Just FYI, Tony cooks doughnuts on Wednesday nights, and he is the person who makes your doughnuts, FCA!



Hey! It's Little Tony, the doughnut dude.

those who make complaints, and the legitimate ones are dealt with. Others are outrageous, and I laugh inside. Here are some examples, exactly quoted: "Well, you know the doughnuts at Kroger are cheaper," and my response was, "Here you are paying for a better quality doughnut," when I was really thinking, "Then go to Kroger and have their low-quality doughnuts if you want!" One of the funniest ones was when a man exclaimed, "It's eighty cents for a @\$% doughnut!" and my response was, "Sorry, sir, that is our price." What I was really thinking was, "Take yourself over to Krispy Kreme where it is ninety cents a dang

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Adventures of Lunchbox, Godzilla, and James

*By Clark Connery, Alex Holt, and
James Banker, the ultimate
investigative reporting team*

For many years, SHOE CARNIVAL has been a well-known name in the shoe sale industry. Their name has led to many questions, such as: Does SHOE CARNIVAL have the right to claim that a carnival exists within its walls? Do the shoes receive appropriate income? What is the capital of Alaska? So, the students went on a mission, filled with danger, adventure, and Elmer's Old Fashioned Glue, to discover the store's astonishing secrets.

Three students arrived at the Cool Springs SHOECARNIVAL at precisely 1:15 P.M. on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Determined to find answers, they entered the building and began the search. They approached one shoe who was kind enough to answer some of their questions.

JAMES BANKER: When did you arrive at SHOECARNIVAL?

SHOE: When I was only a young shoe, I was captured from my family in the wild. I spent many weeks on board a ship headed for America with many other captured shoes. At first I was weak and longed for my family, but the

stories that the other shoes told made me strong. That very day, I decided that I would never give in to the persecution of shoes and that some day shoes will reign high above all of the humans!!!! JAMES BANKER: You still didn't answer my question.

SHOE: Oh.... what were we talking about?

After interviewing the older shoe, they headed for the baby shoe aisle and were astonished to discover shoes sitting on the rows, lined up like cheap cotton sweaters, eager to be sold and to venture far away from this doomed dungeon of despair. Sobbing and weeping, one of the students was sympathetic enough to free one of the shoes... that was soon hit by a car.

Their time at SHOECARNIVAL was almost over, and they still had many unanswered questions, so Clark Connery, cleverly disguised as a young Father Ryan student who eats

glue (a very believable disguise), and Alex Holt, disguised as a chocolate McDonald's milkshake, began the interrogation while fellow MBA student, James Banker, stealthily took photographs (even though his attention seemed to fade at some points as he stared at the pretty lights on the ferris wheel). Clark approached one of the clerks and began asking him some questions as Alex continued his cover

as an ordinary chocolate milkshake browsing for shoes (drawing the attention of an old man in a walker who followed him around the whole store). CLARK CONNERY: Excuse me sir, would you mind directing me to the carnival?

STORE CLERK: What carnival?

CC: The sign on the front of your store says this is a carnival. Isn't that false advertising?

SC: No

CC: If it's a

carnival, then how come no one is having fun? Are the shoes having fun?

SC: The shoes are always having fun.

CC: What about the socks?

SC: They're with the shoes.

CC: Are you aware that I eat glue?

SC: What kind of glue do you eat?

CC: Elmer's

SC: You should try wood glue, it's stronger.

CC: I will make a note of that. Have you ever refused service to customers?

SC: No

CC: How about that milkshake over there?

SC: I don't know what he's doing.

CC: But there is no sign on the door that says: NO MILKSHAKES ALLOWED. It is cruel to discriminate against milkshakes. All they do is provide refreshing nutrition on long laborious days.

SC: Ok

CC: So, where is the carnival?

SC: Ok, you walk straight out of the store, go into the street and don't look out for cars and you will see it.

CC: Why, thank you.

As they left the store, with their questions still unanswered, they could only ponder where the carnival was...and then, they went to Sonic.



Clark eats glue.



Holt saving a baby shoe

Features

Mixin' It Up at the Mixer

By Justin Hall

Why is it we go to mixers? Is it to see the lovely ladies of Harpeth Hall? Is it to watch Erik Swanson get his "groove thing" on? Is it to see Buck dance with guys (I hope not)? Or is it to watch Justin Hall get rejected, again and

the Harpeth Hall girls came as the winners of various beauty contests. Luckily, they fit the bill perfectly.

As the DJ was playin' the music, and we watched Erik Swanson get his groove on,



I knew we shoulda' come as a horse!



I swear I'll pay your admission fee!



Word to ya' motha, Yo' VIP let's kick it!

the night was almost over. The DJ got a little more into it, telling us to dance. Then that fateful moment was there: the time when we had to choose that one lady for the night, the last dance. Guys were racing around, trying to find their ladies. So the night ended, we said our goodbyes, and we all went home and talked on AOL.

again? Whatever the reason, we are always delighted by something that goes on.

For this Halloween mixer, we were given the option to go in a costume. Some of us managed to look like our female counterparts. Scott Heron, Teddy Christenberry, and Matthew Behar dressed up in Harpeth Hall skirts, Harpeth Hall sweatshirts, bow hats, and Scott even wore high heels. Other costumes from the students at MBA included a guerilla Gandalf, various punks, a guy from Mudvayne, a gladiator, and a green-haired GI. Most



Buck about to be shut down by another girl!



Guerilla Gandalf

Tragedy Strikes in the Heart of America

By: Justin Hall and Mrs. Pettus' English classes

We know what happened on the tragic day of September 11, 2001. The day will be forever frozen in our minds, the first time we heard that terrorists had struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. People used to ask, "Where were you when John F. Kennedy was assassinated?" Now people around the country will be asking, "Where were you when the World Trade Center collapsed and when the Pentagon was struck by a plane?"

Many people question our national security, but our paramount concern is: "Why America? Why now?" The result of this act is that our country has united in its pursuit to eliminate

terrorism. Hopefully, other nations will support our cause to rebuild and retaliate. Here are some excerpts from

papers written by students in Mrs. Pettus' English classes:

"When Mr. Thurmond told us about the attacks, I closed my eyes and thought, 'You have to be joking. This cannot be happening.'" — Will Barge

"I think that in the next few years we should rebuild the World Trade Center but not to look the same. We should have a new design that shows other countries that we started anew and that we were united during this difficult time." — Eric Bader



Brothers game with everyone holding their flags and marching out onto the fields was beautiful and very touching." — Justin Hall

"Like the Phoenix, we will rise out of the ashes a better, closer nation." — Clayton Lainhart

"I now realize that the idea that America is loved by all nations is completely false." — Daniel Hightower

"I fear that in our retaliation, many more innocent lives will be taken." — Mitchell Williams

"In a country on the verge of war, I finally realize why my grandfather lied about his age to join the Navy during World War II." — Wheat Hotchkiss

"Many times during that day I found myself wondering what I could do to help. To anybody else who seeks the answer to this question, here it is: You can keep on doing your job, only work harder at it. If you are a student, you can strive to get better grades. You can help by continuing to do your job as you see fit and by trying harder at it." — David Syverud

The emotions we feel are strong, and we will soon see justice.



"I hope all the families that lost loved ones are getting through this all right and that if we do have to go to war, that all of our military remains safe. God Bless America!" — Chase Cato

"I remember sitting there in awe, in Mrs. Bourland's room, watching live as the second tower of the World Trade Center

collapsed." — Lewis Brown

"The display of love for our country at the MBA / Christian

Features

Cheerleader Interview

By: Justin Hall and David Syverud
with
Taylor Middleton and Caroline Choate (Captains)

Q: What do you do at practice?
A: "First we do stunts, then we do touches. Next we go over our dances and halftime dances, and teach new cheers."

Q: Do you like cheerleading?

A: "We love it!" (Both of them look at each other and smile.)

Q: What school do you go to?

A: "Harpeth Hall."

Q: How long have you been a cheerleader?

A: "We have both been cheerleaders for two years, and this is our third."

Q: What grade are you two in?

A: "We're both seniors."

Q: Who's your boyfriend? (So we can get him out of the way)

A: (laughing hysterically) "Clark Rink (Who's he?)

Q: Do you like Mrs. Franks?

A: "Yes, she's a good coach because she encourages us a lot."

Q: What do you think of

A: "We focus more on stunting."
Q: What's the team motto?
A: "We love our microbes!"

The cheerleaders practice Monday through Friday, Maggie Waltemath greets David and Justin.

Each Tuesday and Thursday they can be seen practicing on the track. Feel free to come out and watch, and "GO BIGRED!"

(Justin and I thoroughly enjoyed this interview due to the hugs and comments we received. Ex: "He's sooo cute!")

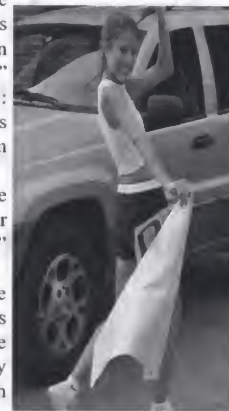


Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

Justin?

A: "Call us when you get out of high school." (I will.)

Q: What happened to the high-kicks?



Friday, Maggie Waltemath greets David and Justin.

The Graveyard Scene from *Tom Sawyer*



Tom and Huck, played by Lewis Brown and Justin Hall, take a dead cat to the cemetery at midnight to repel warts.



John Rocco, playing the part of Dr. Robinson, is stabbed to death by Injun Joe.

Features

Feel the Rush Again

By David Reynolds

Rush Hour 2 is here! As a matter of fact, about one-and-a-half months ago! I feel the first is funnier, but this one is almost as good. Tip: See the first one before you see the second (hence the sequel thing). I will not explain the plot to you because it will ruin the movie. Instead, I will give you ten reasons to spend your hard-earned (and maybe not so hard-earned)



cash.

1. It is rated PG-13, so you can go see it, unlike many R-rated movies if you are "too young" (hint, hint seventh graders).
2. Jackie Chan tries to speak English. This never gets old.
3. Chris Tucker tries to speak Chinese (same as number 2).
4. Chris Tucker gets beat up by a woman. Always funny.
5. Chris and Jackie almost lose

their "egg rolls." (You have to see the movie to get this joke, or maybe those of you with the brains will probably think of it.)

6. Beautiful woman shows her badge to Chris Tucker, and it is on her bra. (Seventh graders, close your eyes on this one.)

7. Women give Chris Tucker a

massage before a big fight scene. (Seventh graders, you know the drill.)

8. It is funny and has action. What else could you expect from a movie like this?

9. I am writing a good review for it, so it must be good.

10. What the heck else are you going to see? *Joy Ride*? *The Glass House*?

David Reynolds is also our official answer man for the newspaper from now on. If any of you have questions, write them on paper, slip them into locker #246, or bring them to him during first period in Mr. Russ's room. We will publish all good questions that deserve answers in the newspaper.

Cereal Interviews

(Deep Thoughts with Corn Pops, CoCo Puffs, and Wheaties)

By Clayton Lainhart, John Fay, and Thomas Sanders

Every year, someone interviews the teachers. This year, we decided to do it. Hope ya'll enjoy...

C, J, and T: Any school nicknames?

Mr. Thurmond: Yes. Red, Big Red, Red man

Mr. Popovich: Pop

Mr. Cooper: Coop, Coop Doggie Dogg

C, J, and T: What's your favorite thing to do to seventh graders?

Red man: Send 'em home to their parents, or leave them hanging at Camp Laney.

Pop 'N' Fresh: Mold them.

Coop: Give lots of tests and pop quizzes.

C, J, and T: What's your favorite band and why?

Big Red: Buffet. Coral Reef Band

Pops: King Crimson, each is good, and constantly changing

Coop Doggie Dogg: Double Trouble (Stevie Ray Vaughan) (R&B)

C, J, and T: Favorite cartoon character and why?

Red: Bugs Bunny

Pop: Tick, he's funnier to adults.

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Features

Cereal con't . . .

Mr. C.: *Homer Fudd*, it's got hunting and funny situations

C, J, and T: What's the corniest pickup line you've ever used or attempted to use?

The Thurmonator: Don't use "Will you marry me," that ended my pickups.

Pop-Pop-Popovich: I never need to use one.

Coop man: Are you tired?

C, J, and T: When was the last time Vandy beat 'Bama?

The Thurmeister: 1984, the last time John Fay passed Algebra.

Corn Pops: Have they beaten 'Bama?

Coopmeister: Did they ever?

C, J, and T: Do you prefer Christina Aguilera or Britney Spears?

Grim Reaper: Britney, I'm not into nose-rings.

Pop Tarts: Spears.

Funk Master Coop: Spears.

C, J, and T: Favorite Movie? Why?

Mr. Thurmond: Gene Hackman movies are good. John Wayne in *Sons of Katy Elder*, *Men of Honor*.

Mr. P.: *Until the End of the World*: great story and a look at the near future.

Coop Dogg: *The Outlaw*, Joey Wells

C, J, and T: Any abnormal body parts (PG-13 please)?

Big Red man: Nope.

Mr. Popovich: Thumbs.

Mr. Cooper: Thumbs.

C, J, and T: Any hidden talents?

Mr. T.: I'm good at barbecuing [seventh graders], fishing, a master of torture, and I received a Ph.D. in pain.

Pop: Cooking Asian food

Cooper-Dooper: Woodworking, arts and crafts. Does this have to be PG-13?



McCord, Titans tickets over PS2?!?!?!?



I see dead people!



I wish we could grunt like the freshmen...



Doc demonstrates Archimedes' Principle



Clay's Legacy



Clayton hangin' out with himself

Features

The Doochinary:

A Book of Doochinisms

*Compiled by John Lee, Eric Beiter,
and Spence Hobson*

Dr. Cassel: Jeremy, play this note. [—tone—]

Jeremy: [—scrreeeech— (on the violin)]

Dr. C: Did you listen, Jeremy?

J: I listened, but I forgot.

Jeremy: Is the final exam a test?

[At Jeremy's house, explaining "RISK"]

Eric B: Why can't I move there?

Jeremy: I would "skkk-schloong-doom-boom" you. Do you get what I'm saying?

Jeremy: How many days are in the 19th?

Jeremy: Are the degrees in an angle in °F or °C?

Mr. Thurmond: Neither.

J: Are they in Kelvin?

Jeremy: Can I ask a question?

John L: Why do you have tape on your glasses?

Jeremy: Well, the glasses people don't repair glasses! Duh!

Jeremy: If somebody doesn't have a hat on, they are bald.

Jeremy: Mrs. Binda, can I sharpen my pencil?

Mrs. Binda: Yes, you may.

J: Are you sure I can sharpen my pencil?

Mrs. B: Yes, Jeremy, SHARPEN YOUR PENCIL!

J: Are you super duper sure I can sharpen my pencil?

Mrs. B: YES!!

Jeremy: [before a Vocabulary Workshop test] Can we write the words at the top of the paper?

Mr. Russell: Mrs. Steele doesn't want you to use a word bank!

J: Can we remember them?

Jeremy: [before a spelling test] Does spelling count?

Jeremy: Mr. Russell, umm, umm, ...? [hand goes up while asking a question]

Jeremy: Circles have angles, right? [And along the same lines]

Jeremy: If something is 360°, it melts.

Jeremy: Well, all babies get dropped on their heads at least once.

David S: When I was in Atlanta, I ate at this Thai restaurant, and I had fried ice cream.

Jeremy: Was the ice cream cold?

Dr. Cassel: What comes after 7?

Jeremy: 10.

Jeremy: Can I sharpen my pencils?

Mr. Russell: It doesn't work.

J: [pointing at his pencil] Yes it does! -- These are all statements Jeremy Doochin has made.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carter on the birth of Madeline Irene!!!

Rifle con't . . .

Louisiana, South Carolina, Ohio, Mississippi, and Texas were represented. On Sunday, Coach Lujan held an International Standing Competition (translate: Olympic rules), which also attracted local college students.

It takes more than shooters to build an event for which MBA, its rifle team, and Coach Lujan and are well known and respected all over the country. To undertake a task like this, one needs help and lots of coffee. MBA was supported by more than 50 volunteers and friends in the community. Bread & Company, for example, sent over a van load of gourmet salads, pastries, and big sandwiches. We thank Coach Lujan and Ashworth for a great season.



The talented Mrs. Ashworth

Crossword

Across

1. gets rid of an employee
3. water level affected by the moon
7. an animal's hand
10. Ghengis ----, an Asian title of power
11. the way stars "die"
12. mad
13. influence, money
14. fading away, declining
16. without life
18. sounded, noise made by a small bell

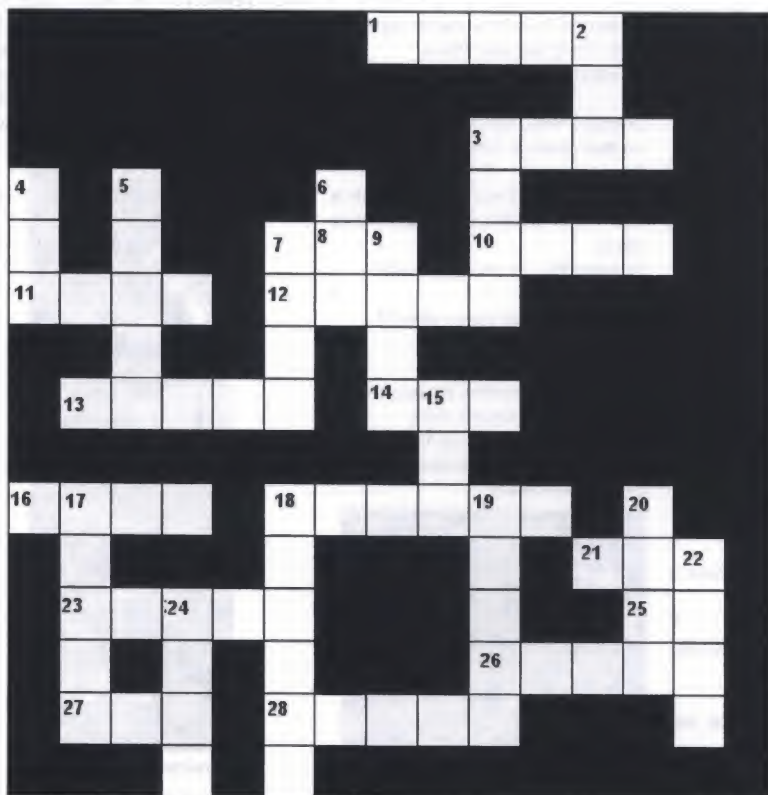
21. a ---- gun, used in science fiction
23. to force out, make leave
25. the opposite of yes
26. having disproportionately long legs
27. tater ----
28. type of flooring, usually found in kitchens and bathrooms

Down

2. pre-fab grass
3. steal, borrow without

- permission
4. the head of a ----
5. competitor
6. ---- away
7. an eighth of a gallon
9. decreases gradually
15. a loud noise, usually drawn in comic books as a sound effect
17. last resort for a pilot who has been shot down
18. the tops of waves
19. many very bad things
20. a group like the Falcons in *Snow in August*

22. a toy that consist of a circle on the end of a string
24. N2



*Created
from a
Scrabble
game
played by
Michael
Schuller*

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 2001 8th Grade Homeroom Representatives

Franks -- Kevin Seitz, Nelson Berry
Speigl -- Clayton Lainhart, Harold
Simmons
Christeson -- David Syverud, Jimmy
Flanagan
Whitfield -- Nathan Steakley, Scott
Hearon
Woolsey -- Tommy Corts, Buck
Curley
Pettus -- Nick Anand, Regen Jewett
Russ -- McLean Beto, Teddy
Christenberry

Will Whitson, 8th Grade Honor Council Rep.



*"My role on the Honor Council is to judge what
the person has done and give my comment
fairly."*

New 8th Graders!



Matt Ewers



Jake Poteet, Josh Dunn, Wheat Hotchkiss

The Back Page

Top Ten Things You Can't Find Ten Things For

By Clayton Lainhart, James Banker, and Alex Holt

1. Top ten smart things Jeremy Doochin has said (see "The Doochinary")
2. Top ten of Luke Brown's stories that have a plot
3. Top ten books Ben Daniel has read
4. Top ten times Justin Hall has done all his homework at home
5. Top ten girls who like Daniel Hightower over Luke
6. Top ten times the eighth-grade line has done something right (according to Coach Davis)
7. Top ten times Buck Curly has not been rejected by a girl
8. Top ten carnival rides Lewis Brown can ride
9. Top ten times Mr. Thurmond hasn't scared the seventh graders in a meeting
10. Top ten numbers Elliot Nelson can count to



In retaliation, the Taliban drops backpacks on Lil' Sevy.

Knuggets of Knowledge

1. A catfish has 27,000 taste buds, more than any other animal.
2. Four is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.
3. A cockroach will live 9 days without its head before it starves to death.
4. The word *lethologica* describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.
5. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
6. All polar bears are left handed.
7. A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
8. The shortest British monarch was Charles I, who was 4 feet 9 inches.
9. Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
10. The flea can jump 350 times its body length.
11. There are more brown M&Ms in plain M&Ms than in the peanut M&Ms.
12. Americans on the average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
13. Humans only use 10% of their brains.
14. Some lions mate over 50 times a day.
15. Marilyn Monroe had six toes.
16. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
17. Humans and dolphins are the only species to have sex for pleasure.
18. The Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright Brothers' first flight.
19. All swans in England are the property of the Queen.
20. Butterflies taste with their feet.
21. The first product to have a UPC bar code on its packaging was Wrigleys gum.
22. Right-handed people live on average 9 years longer than left-handed people.
23. A peanut is not a nut; it is a legume.
24. Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.
25. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
26. The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out blood to the body to squirt the blood 30 feet.
27. The tongue is the most durable, voluntary muscle in the body.
28. Every minute 47 Bibles are sold.
29. Not two individual cornflakes are the same.
30. Starfish have no brains.
31. Niagra Falls froze in the winter of 1932.
32. Banging your head against the wall uses 150 calories.
33. A giraffe has a tongue that is 14 inches long.
34. A hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute.
35. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.



Swinging for the trees at Woolsey Stadium

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